106TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

H. RES. 623

Regarding the adoption of Resolution 1322 by the Security Council of the United Nations on October 7, 2000.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 11, 2000

Mr. Franks of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. Ose, Mr. Weiner, Mr. Saxton, Mr. Brady of Texas, Mr. Sweeney, Mr. Salmon, Mr. Frelinghuysen, Mr. Smith of New Jersey, Mrs. Roukema, and Mr. Lobiondo) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

RESOLUTION

Regarding the adoption of Resolution 1322 by the Security Council of the United Nations on October 7, 2000.

- Whereas the Security Council of the United Nations voted in emergency session to adopt Resolution 1322 on October 7, 2000;
- Whereas such resolution uniquely condemns Israel for acts of violence, and cites the excessive use of force by Israelis against Palestinians starting on September 28, 2000;
- Whereas such resolution fails to recognize the violence against Israel and the citizens of Israel that is organized and instigated by Palestinian officials and police;

Whereas such resolution implicitly criticizes the visit by Israeli Likud official Ariel Sharon to Jerusalem's holy sites, which are open to members of all faiths; and

Whereas Israel has made persistent and unprecedented attempts to secure a peace agreement with the Palestinians: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 Resolved, That the House of Representatives—
- 2 (1) denounces the abstention by the United 3 States from voting on Resolution 1322, which was 4 adopted by the Security Council of the United Na-5 tions on October 7, 2000;
 - (2) calls upon the President to declare such resolution null and void as a matter of national policy;
 - (3) urges the member states of the United Nations to vigorously oppose any and all efforts to manipulate the Fourth Geneva Convention for the sole purpose of attacking Israel;
 - (4) condemns the Security Council of the United Nations for its one-sided condemnation of Israel, which failed to take into account the causes of the violence and the right of Israel as a sovereign state to defend its citizens and soldiers from life threatening attacks; and
- 18 (5) urges leaders of the Israeli and Palestinian 19 peoples to seek a secure future for all citizens of the

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